IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)   A method for collecting luggage at a location remote from the airport for transporting in a secure manner to the airport of departure for further checking. An air travel system the method comprising characterised by the following steps:

(i)   meeting with a passenger holding a flight reservation and ticket confirmation prior to a flight at a confirmed address of the passenger remote from the airport to attend to pre-flight procedures;

(ii)   confirming at that meeting the identity of the passenger by reference to photographic identification (photo ID) evidence;

(iii)   confirming details of the passenger's ticket confirmation;

(iv)   pursuing all required document and security profiling procedures;

providing a passenger verification tag having three portions, each portion including, at least, passenger information, flight information, and a summary of security checks;

detaching one portion of the three portions of the passenger verification tag;

attaching the one portion to an item of luggage;

attaching a passenger verification label to the photo ID in a tamper evident manner;

(v)   collecting all items of luggage, [[(]]other than hand luggage[[)]] , from the passenger;

(vi)   issuing a preliminary boarding pass; and

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(vii)   providing the passenger with a receipt for items of luggage collected[[; and]]

(viii)   transporting the luggage in a secure manner to the airport of departure for further

        checking prior to loading onto the aircraft on which the passenger is travelling.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended)   A method system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the

photo ID evidence comprises an official document which includes a photograph of the passenger.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended)   A method system as claimed in claim 2 wherein the

photo ID comprises a passport or driving licence.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended)   A method system as claimed in claim 1 wherein

prior to the meeting with a passenger, a check is conducted to establish that the address given by

the passenger is a known address of the passenger.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended)   A method system as claimed in claim 1 wherein

information carrying tags are secured to the collected items of luggage, these tags comprising a

standard interline departure control system tag and a passenger verification tag.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)   A method system as claimed in claim [[5]] 1

wherein the passenger verification tag includes the passenger's name, the passenger's signature

and details of the flight on which the passenger is travelling.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended)   A ~~method~~ system as claimed in claim [[6]] 1 wherein the passenger verification tag also includes a tamper evident label matching the luggage items receipt given to the passenger.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended)   A method for ~~An air travel system in which~~ pre-flight check-in of passengers and luggage items ~~are~~ conducted at passenger confirmed addresses remote from the airport of departure, the method comprising:

providing a passenger verification tag having three portions, each portion including, at least, passenger information, flight information, and a summary of security checks;

detaching one portion of the three portions of the passenger verification tag;

attaching the one portion to an item of luggage;

attaching a passenger verification label to a photo ID in a tamper evident manner;

collecting all relevant luggage items ~~being collected~~ during the course of pre-flight check-in ~~and~~ ;

transporting ~~transported~~ in secure vehicles to the airport of departure for security checks to be made[[,]] ;

providing each passenger for whom luggage items are collected ~~receiving~~ a preliminary boarding pass including ~~inter alia~~ flight details[[,]] ; and

exchanging the preliminary boarding pass ~~being exchanged~~ with a confirmed boarding pass airside of the airport of departure.

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Claim 9 (Currently Amended)   A method for collecting luggage at a location remote from the airport ~~An air travel system~~ in which a representative of the system operator meets with flight passengers at locations remote from the airport of departure to complete ~~inter alia~~ identity and security checks and to collect all items of luggage other than hand luggage for secure transportation by the system operator to the airport of departure, the method comprising:

providing a passenger verification tag having three portions, each portion including, at least, passenger information, flight information, and a summary of security checks;

detaching one portion of the three portions of the passenger verification tag;

attaching the one portion to an item of luggage;

attaching a passenger verification label to a photo ID in a tamper evident manner;

tagging each item of luggage ~~being tagged to show inter alia~~ with a tag including the identity of the passenger; and

providing the passenger ~~being provided~~ with a preliminary boarding pass which includes ~~inter alia~~ personal details of the passenger and which is exchanged airside at the airport of departure with a confirmed boarding pass.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A method ~~system~~ as claimed in claim 1 wherein a passenger's items of luggage are collected from the airport of destination by an operative and taken to an agreed address for checking and hand-over to the passenger.

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Claim 11 (Currently Amended)   An air travel system ~~substantially as herein described~~ comprising:

a control center in communication with a luggage transport vehicle, the control center verifying passenger and travel information;

a first weighing equipment that weighs an item of luggage upon collecting the item of luggage; and

a second weight equipment that weighs the item of luggage before placing on an aircraft.

Claim 12 (New):   A system for checking in airline passengers remotely of an airport comprising;

one or more luggage transport vehicles equipped with luggage weighing and handling equipment;

means, transportable with the one or more vehicles, for communicating with a control centre whereby to verify passenger and travel details with the airline;

means for providing a passenger verification tag, the passenger verification tag comprising three portions each portion including information selected from; the passenger's name, the passenger's signature, details of the flight on which the passenger is travelling and a summary of a profiling failsafe check, one portion being detachable from the other two and attachable to an item of the passenger's luggage in such a way as to seal the item of luggage in a tamper evident manner.

Claim 13 (New):   A system as claimed in claim 12 further including means transportable with the one or more vehicles, for communicating with a tracking system for tracking the location of luggage in transit.

Claim 14 (New):   A system as claimed in claim 13 wherein the means for communicating with a tracking system is provided on a luggage tag affixed to an item of luggage.

Claim 15 (New):   A system as claimed in claim 12 further including means for providing a passenger verification label which is attachable in a tamper evident manner to photo ID provided by the passenger.

Claim 16 (New):   A system as claimed in claim 12 further comprising bar code scanner for reading a coded destination provided on a luggage tag provided on luggage delivered to a secure depot by one or more of the transport vehicles.

Claim 17 (New):   A system as claimed in claim 12 further including means for receiving passenger bookings for remote check in services provided by the system.

Claim 18 (New):   A system as claimed in claim 12 further including EDS screening equipment for screening the luggage prior to loading onto an aircraft.

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Claim 19 (New): A system as claimed in claim 12 further including a second luggage weighing and handling equipment for confirming the luggage weight prior to loading of luggage onto an aircraft.

Claim 20 (New): A method for checking in airline passengers remotely of an airport comprising;

a) receiving data identifying a passenger wishing to check in remotely;

b) confirming the identity of the passenger following identity checks taken at a remote location;

c) confirming completion of security checks pertaining to the passenger's luggage and taken at the remote location;

d) recording the weight of the passenger's luggage;

e) relaying the data collected in steps b), c) and d) to a control centre whereby to notify the airline of completion of the steps

f) generating a passenger verification tag including information personal to the passenger, the passenger verification tag comprising three portions each portion including information selected from; the passenger's name, the passenger's signature, details of the flight on which the passenger is travelling and a summary of a profiling failsafe check, one portion being detachable from the other two and attachable to an item of the passenger's luggage in such a way as to seal the item of luggage in a tamper evident manner.

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Claim 21 (New):   A method as claimed in claim 20 further comprising;

g)   generating a passenger verification label which is attachable in a tamper evident manner to photo ID provided by the passenger.

Claim 22 (New):   A method as claimed in any claim 20 further comprising;

h) confirming collection of luggage and relaying to a luggage tracking system collection data and in transit data relating to a vehicle collecting the luggage

Claim 23 (New):   A passenger verification tag comprising

three portions each portion including information selected from; the passenger's name, the passenger's signature, details of the flight on which the passenger is travelling and a summary of a profiling failsafe check,

one portion being detachable from the other two and attachable to an item of the passenger's luggage in such a way as to seal the item of luggage in a tamper evident manner.

Claim 24 (New):   A combination of the passenger verification tag of claim 23 and a passenger verification label, the passenger verification label being attachable in a tamper evident manner to photo ID provided by the passenger and including information which matches information provided on one or more of the portions of the passenger verification tag.